

Thank you for taking up the challenge from Barton Stone-Mount Hope United Church to support Indigenous student ministers!

Please contact Erica Young (erica@sandysaulteaux.ca or 204-268-3913) at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre to let us know that your congregation is participating. Erica can help you promote the challenge and choose the best way for your congregation to collect the gifts.

Donation forms & bulletin inserts

Copy and distribute the double-sided bulletin insert/donation form provided. You can print these on 8.5x11 and cut them in half.

Donation options

Credit card or EFT: Visit sandysaulteaux.ca/give-student-travel.

Gifts made online will receive a tax receipt by email.

Cheque: Cheques should be made out to Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre and returned with a completed donation form.

You may choose to ask your congregation members to mail their cheques and donation forms directly or you may offer to collect the donations and mail them together to Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, Box 210, Beausejour MB R0E 0C0

Donations of \$20 and up, received by mail, will receive a tax receipt by mail.

Keeping track: If we receive donations directly, either online or by mail, that are identified as being from someone in your congregation, we will share the total number of gifts, and the total amount donated, with your congregation.

Bulletin announcement:

A congregation in Hamilton Ontario was inspired to learn about how Indigenous ministry students, at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, are showing the broader church a path to reconciliation. They decided to celebrate our United Church's 100th anniversary with a gift that supports a hopeful future for our church – and they are challenging us to do the same! Learn more at sandysaulteaux.ca/anniversary-challenge.

Verbal announcement, with video:

Encourage more involvement by telling your congregation about the challenge.

“I want to introduce you to some folks who we share this United Church with.”

(Show some, or all, of this video of Sandy-Saulteaux ministry training students: <https://youtu.be/gKMcWAL6084>)

“I also want to tell you about a friendly challenge from the little congregation of Barton Stone-Mount Hope in Hamilton Ontario.

They were looking for a way to celebrate our 100th anniversary as a denomination, that reflects their hope for the future of the church. They heard about some of the ways that students at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre are building up their communities. And by strengthening Indigenous communities, moving us all closer to reconciliation.

They decided to contribute towards some of the travel costs of student ministers. It costs approximately \$4800 per student for the travel involved in 1 year of studies. People at Barton Ston-Mount Hope gave over \$3000 and want to challenge us to give what we're able to support ministry students, like the ones in the video, so they can travel to complete their training.”

(Share instructions for donating.)